


REMARKS

This Substitute Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" mailed March 16, 2004. It is noted that the previously filed Preliminary Amendment mistakenly canceled claims 1-16 when only claims 1-15 should have been canceled. The newly added claims in the Preliminary Amendment were numbered 17-25 instead of 16-24. This Substitute Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-15 and adds claims 16-24.

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